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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Anthony Eugene Zortea **Docket No:** 3516.US.P
Serial Number: 09/942,820 **Group Art Unit:** 2631
Filed: August 30, 2001 **Examiner:** Juan A. Torres
Re: NEAR-END CROSS-TALK AND
ECHO AVOIDER FOR BI-
DIRECTIONAL DIGITAL
COMMUNICATION

January 19, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This Amendment responds to the non-final Office Action (mailed October 27, 2005) received in connection with the above-captioned application.

A "Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b)" and a "Power of Attorney and Correspondence Address Indication Form" are filed herewith. Reconsideration of the application in view of the remarks and amendments submitted herein is requested.

Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims beginning at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.